

OPINION 948

TELLINA OBLIQUA J. SOWERBY, 1817 (BIVALVIA):
VALIDATED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *obliqua* Wood, 1815, as published in the binomen *Tellina obliqua*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes both of the Law of Priority and the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *obliqua* J. Sowerby, 1817, as published in the binomen *Tellina obliqua*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2433.

(3) The specific name *obliqua* Wood, 1815, as published in the binomen *Tellina obliqua* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 958.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1849)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Mr. Eugene V. Coan and Mr. D. L. F. Sealy in May 1968. The application was sent to the printer on 29 August 1969 and was published on 17 January 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 25 : 166. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to two specialist serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 April 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)15 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 25 : 166. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 9 July 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—eighteen (18), received in the following order: Holthuis, Vokes, Bonnet, Lemche, Simpson, Jaczewski, Mayr, Tortonese, Eisenmann, Sabrosky, Evans, Brinck, Mertens, Binder, Melville, Alvarado, Kraus, Ride.

Negative votes—one (1): Starobogatov.

Voting Papers not returned—three (3): do Amaral, Forest, Munroe.

In returning his vote Dr. Holthuis made the following comment: "A little more information on the present status and universality of the use of the specific name *T. obliqua* of Sowerby would not have been superfluous."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

obliqua, *Tellina*, J. Sowerby, 1817, *Min. Conch.* 2 (28) : 137–8, pl. 161, fig. 1
obliqua, *Tellina*, Wood, 1815, *Gen. Conch.* 1 : 152, pl. 41, figs. 4, 5

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)15 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in the Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 949.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
London
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